

## Message Text

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ACTION OPIC-06

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FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4526

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PASS OPIC

E. O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EINV, KE  
SUBJECT: TAW

REF: STATE 15479

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES A MEDIA DEBATE IN KENYA REGARDING TAW WOULD BE UNPRODUCTIVE. FIRST, TOO MUCH TIME HAS PASSED SINCE ARTICLE APPEARED IN "WEEKLY REVIEW" FOR REBUTTAL TO HAVE MUCH IMPACT. SECOND, TAW IS WELL CONNECTED IN MEDIA HERE WHICH IS BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC TO TAW'S SIDE OF THE STORY; OPIC CANNOT COMPETE WITH TEW IN THIS FIELD. THIRD, USG(IN THE FORM OF OPIC) "PICKING ON"COMPANY WHICH IS TRYING TO ASSIST IN AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS MAKES FOR MORE SENSTATIONAL COPY THAN USG EXPLANATION OF LEGAL AND ETHICAL BASIS OF ITS CASE.

2. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THE BEST PLACE TO MEET TAW AND PRESS THE USG AND CREDITOR CLAIMS IN THE COURTS. THE BEST PLACE TO REBUT THE "WEEKLY REVIEW" ARTICLE IS IN THE COURTS WHERE IT IS BEING INTRODUCED, NOT IN THE KENYA MEDIA.

3. AMBASSADOR PLANS ON BEING IN WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATION LATE FEBRUARY. WILL WISH TO DISCUSS THIS AND ENTIRE OPIC-TAW  
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SITUATION AT THAT TIME.  
DECONTROL 1/23/79  
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